

IN THE CLAIMS

The listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application.

Listing of Claims

Claim 1 (currently amended): A method for detecting a type of one of a plurality of devices attached to a graphics machine, each device being one of at least a first type, a second type, and a third type, the method comprising:

detecting at a controller whether ~~the a first of the plurality of devices~~ device attached to or ~~to be attached to~~ the machine is of the first type, the second type or the third type, the controller being capable of preadjusting the device as a function of the detection.

Claim 2 (currently amended): The method as recited in claim 1 wherein the first device includes a type identifier, and further comprises an identifier reader ~~can be~~ connected to the controller.

Claim 3 (currently amended): The method as recited in claim 1 wherein the controller sends a control signal to the first device as a function of the detection.

Claim 4 (original): The method as recited in claim 1 wherein the devices can be added or removed and replaced with other devices of other types.

Claim 5 (original): The method as recited in claim 1 wherein the devices are feeders for a binding line.

Claim 6 (original): The method as recited in claim 1 wherein the devices are printing press components.

Claim 7 (original): The method as recited in claim 1 further comprising running a self-test check upon each turn-on of the machine to determine which devices are connected to the machine.

Claim 8 (previously presented): A graphics machine comprising:

a controller;

a first device connected to the controller, the first device being categorizable as one of at least a first type, a second type, and a third type, the controller detecting whether the first device is of the first type, the second type or the third type; and

a memory accessible by the controller, the memory storing information regarding the first type and the second type and the third type;

wherein the controller automatically adjusts the first device as a function of the information.

Claim 9 (original): The machine as recited in claim 8 wherein the first device includes a type identifier, and the machine further comprises an identifier reader connected to the controller.

Claim 10 (cancelled).

Claim 11 (original): The machine as recited in claim 8 wherein the information is stored as a table.

Claim 12 (original): The machine as recited in claim 8 wherein the first device is connected to the controller via an electrical plug, a fixed transmission line or a wireless connection.

Claim 13 (previously presented): The machine as recited in claim 8 wherein the graphics machine includes a second device connected to the controller, the second device being one of the first type and the second type and the third type.

Claim 14 (original): The machine as recited in claim 8 wherein the first device is modular.

Claim 15 (original): The machine as recited in claim 8 wherein the controller has a plurality of inputs, each input identifying a particular location of the machine.

Claim 16 (previously presented): The machine as recited in claim 9 wherein the type identifier is a plug having an input power pin and at least one other pin, the first type or second type being identified by a connection between the power pin and the other pin.

Claim 17 (original): The machine as recited in claim 16 wherein the input power pin and the other pin are separated by a resistor.

Claim 18 (cancelled).

Claim 19 (currently amended): The machine as recited in claim [[8]] 9 wherein the type identifier supplies a digital signal.

Claim 20 (withdrawn): A method for operating a conveyor line for collecting printed products comprising:

operating a plurality of devices at stations along a conveyor to create a first printed product configuration, the plurality of devices including at least a first feeder feeding a first printed product to the conveyor and a second feeder feeding a second printed product collected with the first printed product;

exchanging one of the plurality of devices with a second device of another type;

detecting at a controller a type of the second device; and

operating the conveyor line as a function of the detecting to create a second product configuration different from the first printed product configuration.

Amendments to the Drawings:

Four (4) Replacement Sheets are submitted herewith including Figs. 1 to 7. Applicants respectfully submit that no new matter has been added by the submission of the Replacement Sheets.